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believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if  
real names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:  
STEM, METHOD, AND ARTICLE OF MANUFACTURE FOR SYNCHRONIZATION IN AN AUTOMATED SCRIPTING  
AMEWORK, the specification of which,

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1. ☒ is attached hereto.

2. ☐ was filed on March 27, 2000 as  
U.S. Application Serial No. 09/536,879  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.

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hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as  
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37, CFR § 1.56.

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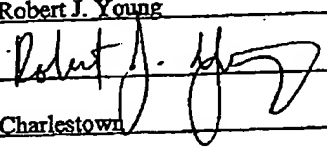
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